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AUGUSTINER BRAU
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Per Case of 6 doz. pts. \$18.00.
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MAGEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
1815 2, DUDDELL STREET.

Intimations.

THE INTIMATION OF ENGINEERS
AND SHIPBUILDERS OF
HONGKONG.

INCORPORATED 1891.

A SMOKING CONCERT will be given
in the ROOMS of the INSTITU-
TION, No. 4, Des Voeux Road, at 3.45
P.M., on SATURDAY, the 24th instant.
The Voluntary Assistance of several well-
known local Gentlemen has been obtained,
who, as talented Vocalists and Instru-
mentals, will assure a musical treat being
provided.

Tickets for Admission, Price ONE
DOLLAR each, may be had from the
Manager or Office Bearers.

DAVID J. LENNOX,

Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, March 22, 1906. 594

WANTED.

YOUNG LADY CASHIER for Retail
Business in Hongkong.
Apply
Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
Hongkong, March 22, 1906. 600

NOTICE.

MR. RICHARD HANCOCK is author-
ized to Sign the name of our Firm
per Procurement. **SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.**
Hongkong, February 24, 1906. 398

NOTICE.

WE have this day been Appointed
PASSAGE, BAGGAGE, AND SHIP-
PING AGENTS by Messrs COX &
CO., Bankers, Army Agents, &c., of Lon-
don and Bombay.

All information can be obtained, or will
be forwarded on application stating require-
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BAYER & CO.,
19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, January 25, 1906. 409

'THE CITOPHONE.'

A HOUSE TELEPHONE
CAN be fitted to existing Electric Bells.
No Extra fittings needed. As clear
and distinct as an Ordinary Telephone.
Best Telephone for Private Houses,
Hotels, Boarding Houses, Offices, Hos-
pitals, etc., etc. Price very Moderate.
Can be inspected at the Office of the
Sole Agents,
LUTGENS, EINSTAMANN & CO.,
No. 2, PEDDER STREET.
Hongkong, February 5, 1906. 1380

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO.,

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W. S. BAILEY & CO.

ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS.

WORKS:

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OFFICES & STORES:

No. 20, CONNAUGHT ROAD.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong-Canton Line.

s.s. HONAN, 3,383 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.
s.s. FOWAN, 2,338 tons, Captain W. A. Valentine.
s.s. FATSHAN, 2,260 tons, Captain R. D. Thomas.
s.s. HANKOW, 3,073 tons, Captain C. V. Lloyd.
s.s. KINSHAN, 1,985 tons, Captain J. J. Lousins.

Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 9 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).

Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8.30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. (Sunday Excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

Hongkong-Macao Line.

s.s. HEUNGSHAN, 1,985 tons, Captain G. F. Morrisop, A.R.N.

Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 8 a.m.

Departures on Sundays at Noon. Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m.

Canton-Macao Line.

s.s. LUNGSHAN, 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.

This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m., and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 a.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K. & C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDU-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Canton-Wuchow Line.

s.s. SAINAM, 588 tons, Captain J. Willcox.

s.s. NANNING, 569 tons, Captain C. Eusthart.

One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about five days. These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the:-

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

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PELHAM HOUSE

PRIVATE HOTEL, CENTRALLY SITUATED.
THREE MINUTES' WALK FROM POST OFFICE.
SPECIAL TERMS FOR MONTHLY BOARDERS.
RATES MODERATE. 29, WYNDHAM STREET. 163

DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held
at the HONGKONG HOTEL, at
8 o'clock P.M., on SATURDAY, the 7th
APRIL, 1906.

Members wishing to be present and
Devonians wishing to join the Society are
requested to communicate with

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOLE,

Hon. Secretary,

77, Hongkong Club.

Hongkong, March 19, 1906. 573

'JANUS'

LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE CO.,

HAMBURG.

ESTABLISHED 1848.

Assets for 31st December, 1904.

Mks. 53,400,000—equal to 22,600,000.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been

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ARE SELLING REGARDLESS OF COST.

TAILOR-MADE COSTUMES, DRESS SKIRTS,

BLouses, BLOUSE LENGTH, DRESS

MATERIALS, CHIFFONS, FANCY AND DRESSING

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A Large Assortment of FRENCH

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OUR SPECIAL MILLINERY OFFER.

All our imported model HATS and Toques

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Great Bargains in LADIES' SMART AMERI-
CAN BOOTS AND SHOES.

All we ask is for Ladies to Call, inspect

and judge for themselves.

Hongkong, March 17, 1906. 564

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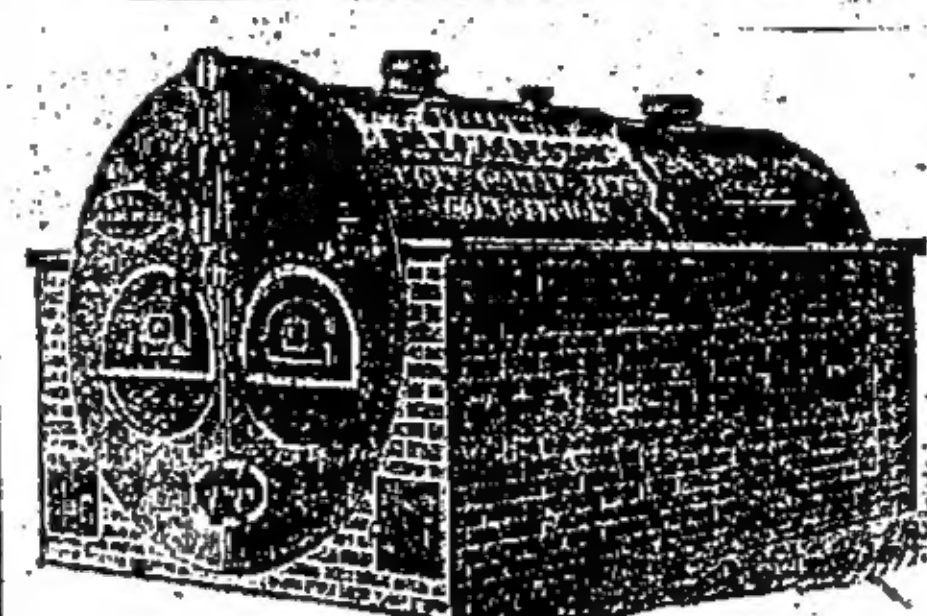
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FROM \$4.50 to \$10 PER PAIR.

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STRAW AND PANAMA HATS.

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THOROUGHLY UP TO DATE WITH EVERY MODERN LUXURY.

MODERATE TERMS AND NO EXTRAS.

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A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, MOST CENTRALLY SITUATED;
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Monthly Boarders accommodated on very Moderate Terms.

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FURNITURE AND NOVELTIES.

NO BAMBOO FRAMES IN OUR CHAIRS.

SOME NOVELTIES IN LEATHER GRILLE WORK AND BURNED LEATHER PILLOWS, ETC.,

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WATCH-MAKERS AND JEWELLERS.
NEW SELECTIONS OF
DIAMOND JEWELLERY AND ENGLISH SILVER WARE.
HIGH-CLASS GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES.
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Hotel Mansions, opposite the New Post Office site.

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ENLARGEMENTS ON BROMIDE PAPER
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ALL KINDS OF WORK DONE FOR AMATEURS.
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New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Soolabaya, Manila, Amoy,
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Tsushima, etc.

Telegraphic Address: "NETSU" (A.B.C. and A.1 Codes.)

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armies and the
State Railways, Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and
Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of the famous Mitsui, Tanaka, Yamano, and Ida Coal Mines,
and AGENTS for Hokoku, Kanto, Kanagawa, Fukuoka, Yamaguchi, and other
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S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

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MELLIN'S FOOD

For INFANTS and INVALIDS.

MELLIN'S FOOD is free from Starch
When prepared is similar to Breast Milk.

MELB'S FOOD WORKS, PECKHAM, LONDON, ENGLAND.

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The Universal Remedy for Acidity of the
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Safe and most
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A perfect beverage
combining Strength,
Purity and Solubility.
Medical Authority.
"What does 'van Houten's' mean, Mother?"
"It means the Best Cocoa, my dear."

Intimations.

NETSU BISHI CO.

COAL DEPARTMENT.

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which applies to all Branch Offices and
Hongkong and Shanghai Agencies.

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UNION CODES USED.

ALL LETTERS ADDRESSED
MANAGER, NETSU BISHI CO., WITH
NAME OF PLACE UNDER.

BRANCH OFFICES.

NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE, KARATSU
AND HANKOW.

AGENCIES.

SHANGHAI: H. J. H. TRIPP.
HONGKONG: H. U. JEFFRIES.
YOKOHAMA: M. ASADA.
CHINKIANG: GAZEL & Co.
MANILA: MACDONALD & Co.

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Foreign Navies,
the Imperial Armies, the Imperial Railways, Sanyo, Kure and the Imperial
Railways; Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers,
and EXPORTERS OF COAL to Hongkong, Shanghai, Kure, Kobe, and other
ports, and to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armies.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of Takashima, Ochi, Shinetsu, Natsuta and Kami-
Yama's Collieries, and also Hojo Colliery
which will shortly be ready to produce on
a large scale the best Buzen coal.

Sole Agents for the Mitsui, Tanaka (Tagawa) and
Yamamoto Collieries (Kure).

The Head and Branch Offices and
the Agencies of the Company will receive any
order for Coals produced from the above
Collieries.

Coal sold in 1904 by the Company
amounted to 1,520,000 tons.

TAKASHIMA COAL.

New and additional shafts at the Takashima
Colliery have been completed and
this well-known best and most economical
steam coal in the East is now produced in
abundance and can be supplied in any
quantity.

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company will be
held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 29,
Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY,
31st March, 1906, at 10 o'clock, for the
purpose of receiving the Report and State-
ment of accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1905.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 18th to the
31st March, both days inclusive.

By order,
M. A. A. SOUZA,
Secretary.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.
(IN LIQUIDATION)

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
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CHINA'S ARMY.

Japanese as Officers.

The *Frankfort Gazette* states that recently several German officers have been deprived of their positions in the Chinese Army, and their places have been filled by Japanese. For this two reasons are suggested. The Chinese, especially those who are being stirred by the newly awakened sense of nationality, prefer the yellow man to the white, with whose services they are always glad to be able to dispense. In addition, the Japanese officer, while distinguished for zeal and practical efficiency, is content with more modest remuneration than his European rival, and economical considerations thus come in to reinforce the instincts of race.

THE STATE OF CHINA.

Opinions from Home.

The papers by the last mail contain many references to the condition of China to-day and the probability of an outbreak.

At Washington on February 11 the situation was regarded as so threatening that the Secretary for War asked Congress for a small emergency fund of 100,000 dollars (\$20,000) to facilitate the despatch of troops. But the Appropriations Committee has declined, as Mr. Taft has admitted that it is not intended to send troops till it is evident that protection is needed for Americans in China.

Two days later it was announced, that the Administration were showing some irritation because Congress had not appropriated the \$20,000. The Washington correspondent of the *Morning Post* remarked: "Asked to-day by your correspondent if the situation was as alarming as had been represented, a member of the Cabinet said, selecting his words carefully: 'We should be guilty of criminality if we did not adopt those precautionary measures that are indicated as obvious. They may not be necessary, but they are certainly to-day indicated as absolutely necessary. Merchants engaged in the Asiatic trade have represented to the Government that there is no danger of an uprising, and the agitation for military measures is unwisely and likely to produce the very thing the Government is trying to avoid. But to insist this every returning naval officer warns the Government of the imminent danger of an outbreak, and these oral reports are reinforced by reports received through diplomatic and other sources. The Washington Government may be misinformed or unduly nervous—that of course cannot be determined—but it can be stated as a fact that the Government is nervously apprehensive and fearful that force will have to be employed.'"

In British diplomatic quarters in both London and Peking no serious apprehension is felt. *Reuter's Agency* understands, of a general outbreak in China. It is recognized that there is a growing feeling which may be attributed to the extension of the idea of "China for the Chinese," but there is so far no indication of anything likely to bring about a general anti-foreign movement. With regard to the question of decreasing the foreign military forces now in China, it is pointed out that this has reference not to the Legation Guards, which will remain at their present strength, but to the foreign contingents still in that country. The Powers agreed in principle last November to remove these, but in any case this decision would not take effect until the spring. Meanwhile the matter is the subject of discussion among the foreign representatives in Peking.

Luffan's Agency states that if an outbreak takes place in China the Navy Department is arranging to despatch to the Asiatic station Admiral Sir George's squadron of four cruisers now in the Mediterranean. On February 16 the *Morning Post's* correspondent telegraphed from Washington: "The Japanese Government, which is probably in a better position than any other to know the exact condition of affairs in China, has advised Mr. Root that while there is great unrest in China and much anti-foreign agitation, the danger of an outbreak is not imminent. It is known that the British and American Governments have exchanged views on the situation in China, and that the British Government, while not taking the extreme view which the American Government does, has issued a note of warning and is not blind to the possible dangers of a rising." *Reuter's New York correspondent* adds that, before sailing for Hamburg, the spokesman of the Chinese Imperial Commission declared that Chinese and American differences would be amicably settled.

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Also, A Quantity of BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, and One Iron Safe by Ventana, Paris. Catalogues will be issued. Terms—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, March 16, 1906.

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SATURDAY, the 24th March, 1906, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, QUEEN'S ROAD, LADIES' and GENTS' BOOTS and SHOES (English make). PRINTER, SINGLES, SOCKS, &c. PERMANENT ROOM, &c., &c. Terms of Sale—As usual. V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer. Hongkong, March 23, 1906.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 24th March, 1906, at Noon, at the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S premises the following:—ex s.s. CANEA, W. Y. T. & Co. 1,752 Pieces ROUGH LUMBER. And ex s.s. TELEMACHUS, W. Y. T. & Co. 2,752 Pieces ROUGH LUMBER. Terms—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, March 9, 1906.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 27th March, 1906, commencing at 2.45 P.M., at No. 3, OMBURY VILLAS, GRANVILLE ROAD, KOWLOON. A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. (Particulars from Catalogue). On View from Monday, the 26th March, 1906. Terms—As usual. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, March 20, 1906.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION. SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received instructions to sell at his SALES ROOMS, in DUNDRELL STREET, on

WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of MARCH, 1906, at 3 P.M. The following VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY:—

LOT ONE.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1096. Area 2,137.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$28.00. On this Lot stand the three substantial messuages or tenements known as Nos. 16, 38 and 40, Reclamation Street, Mong Kok Tui.

LOT TWO.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1097. Area 2,137.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$28.00. On this Lot stand the three substantial messuages or tenements known as Nos. 35, 37 and 39, Reclamation Street, Mong Kok Tui.

LOT THREE.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1098. Area 2,137.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$28.00. On this Lot stand the three substantial messuages or tenements known as Nos. 38, 39, 40, 41 and 43, Station Street North, Mong Kok Tui.

LOT FOUR.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1100. Area 3,562.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$48.00. On this Lot stand the five substantial messuages or tenements known as Nos. 38, 39, 40, 41 and 43, Station Street North, Mong Kok Tui.

LOT FIVE.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of vacant ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1173. Area 1,125.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$100. This Lot is ripe for immediate development and is sold free from all restrictions as to building, Mong Kok Tui.

LOT SIX.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of vacant ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1174. Area 1,125.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$100. This Lot is ripe for immediate development and is sold free from all restrictions as to building, Mong Kok Tui.

LOT SEVEN.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of vacant ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1175. Area 1,125.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$100. This Lot is ripe for immediate development and is sold free from all restrictions as to building, Mong Kok Tui.

LOT EIGHT.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of vacant ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1176. Area 1,125.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$100. This Lot is ripe for immediate development and is sold free from all restrictions as to building, Mong Kok Tui.

LOT NINE.—ALL THAT piece or parcel of vacant ground situate lying and being at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and intended to be registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1177. Area 1,125.6 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$100. This Lot is ripe for immediate development and is sold free from all restrictions as to building, Mong Kok Tui.

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000
Sterling Reserve, \$10,000,000
Silver Reserve .. 9,500,000

REVENUE LIABILITY OF PROPERTIES.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS: A. HAY, Esq., Chairman. Hon. Mr. O. W. DICKSON, Deputy Chairman. E. Goss, Esq., J. Raymond, Esq., C. R. Lankford, Esq., G. H. Modhurst, Esq., Hon. Mr. R. Sheehan, Esq., N. A. Slebe, Esq., D. M. Nisam, Esq., H. A. W. Slade, Esq. CHIEF MANAGERS: Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH, Esq. Shanghai—H. E. R. HUNTER, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., Ltd.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. On FIXED DEPOSITS: For 3 months 2 1/2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 3 " " " " 12 " 4 " " " " J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, March 21, 1906.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK. THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA. INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1858. HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$2,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$2,000,000
HOLDERS.....\$2,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$2,000,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. " 6 " 3 " " 3 " 2 1/2 " " 12 " 4 " " " " T. P. COCHRANE, Manager.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED. ESTABLISHED 1859.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP....." 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNPAID....." 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND....." 9,940,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA. BRANCHES AND AGENTS: KOREA, NAGASAKI, TOKYO, LONDON, LYONS, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, BOMBAY, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG, DALNY, PORT ARTHUR, CHIFU, YAMAGUCHI, OSAKA.

LONDON BANKERS: The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited, Parr's Bank, Limited, The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

HONGKONG BRANCH—Interest allowed. On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. On fixed deposits for 12 months, 5 1/2 per cent. per annum. On fixed deposits for 6 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum. On fixed deposits for 3 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED.....£1,250,000
PAID-UP.....£1,250,000
RESERVE FUND.....£2,110,000

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED. INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. On Fixed Deposits: For 12 Months.....4 1/2 " 6 " 3 " " 3 " 2 1/2 " " 12 " 4 " " " " A. R. LINTON, Acting Manager.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION. FISCAL AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CHINA, THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS AUTHORIZED.....GOLD \$10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....GOLD \$ 3,250,000
RESERVE FUND.....GOLD \$ 3,250,000

HEAD OFFICE—NEW YORK. LONDON OFFICE—THE MESSAGER, 10, MARK LANE, E.C. 3.

LONDON BANKERS: National Provincial Bank of England, Ltd., Union of London and Smiths Bank, Ltd., British Linen Company Bank.

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Banks.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL.

MAATSCHAPPIJ. (NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY). ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....Fl. 45,000,000 (\$2,750,000). RESERVE FUND Fl. 5,000,000 (\$2,417,000).

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BRANCHES—Singapore, Penang, Shanghai, Batavia, Semarang, Surabaya, Cheribon, Pagar, Palembang, Pasuruan, Tjilatjap, Padang, Medan (Deli), Palembang, Kota-Radia, (Acheen) Telok-Semawe, (Acheen) Bandjermain. Correspondents at Macassar, Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Hiphong, Haiphong, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c. LONDON BANKERS:—The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

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The following is a list of my Cigarettes
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Great Britain, largest	60	50	\$4.50
Yonkers, largest	60	50 & 100	3.00
Hongkong Club (cork tipped), large	50 & 100	3.00	
Admiral, medium	100	2.20	
Princess, gold tipped (ladies), small	100	2.60	
Flor de Orients, with tubes	100		
(ladies), small	100	2.00	
Military (gold tipped), medium	100	2.00	
Germania, medium	100	1.90	
Paris, small	100	1.50	
The Peak Tram- way, medium	100	1.50	
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BIRTH.
GREEN.—On March 16, at 1, Love,
Lane, Shanghai, the wife of Mr. E.
GREEN, of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE.
STANION-LAMOND.—On March 16, at
H.B.M. Consulate, before Sir Polham
Warren, K.C.M.G., Consul-General, and
afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Shanghai, by the Rev. A. J. Walker, M.A.,
WILLIAM KENNEDY STANION, second son of
E. Stanion, Ravenshoe, Manchester, to
FLORENCE LAMOND, second daughter of J. B.
Lamond, Shanghai.

DEATH.
WALKER.—On March 16, at 74, Bub-
bling Well Road, Shanghai, ARCHIBALD
ORRIS WALKER, Chief Draughtsman,
Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW:

Meetings.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island
Cement Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
Noon.—Meeting of China-Borneo Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

Auctions.
Noon.—Auction of Rough Lumber from
S. S. Oryza, &c., at the Hongkong &
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s
Premises.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Furni-
ture, at Mr. F. Kleno's Sales Rooms.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Ladies' Dress Ma-
terials, &c., at Mr. V. I. Remedios'
Sales Rooms.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-
niture, &c., at 12, Austin Avenue,
Kowloon.

Amusements.
8.45.—Smoking Concert, at Engineers' In-
stitute.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Luzon* undelivered after 4
p.m. on this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.
Monday, March 26:—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at Magistracy.
Goods per *Poon* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

Tuesday, March 27:—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 3, Ormsby Villas, Granville
Road, Kowloon.
Goods per *Benlauer* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Armand* undelivered after
this date at Noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.

Wednesday, March 28:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 4, Seymour Road.
3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property,
at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Room.
4 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong General
Chamber of Commerce at City Hall.
Goods per *Aranda* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Kor* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

Saturday, March 31:—
Noon.—Meeting of Luzon Sugar Refining
Co., Ltd., at General Agent's Office.
Noon.—Meeting of Campbell, Moore &
Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong
Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Eastern Bank Lodge,
Transfer Books & Register of Members
of The National Bank of China, Ltd.,
close from this date to 14th April in-
clusive.

Saturday, March 7:—
8 p.m.—Annual Dinner of Doronian
Society, at Hongkong Hotel.

NOTICE.

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the CHINA MAIL are now located
at No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD CENT-
RAL (first floor), Opposite
Messrs. CALBECK, MACGRE-
GOR and Co.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1906.

WILL STRIKES DISAPPEAR?

With evil good is always associated
according to some reasoners, and even
the advent of a numerically considerable
Labour Party in the House of Commons
is regarded by some Conservatives at
Home as a hopeful sign. It is somewhat
difficult to follow the train of thought
but it is optimistically declared that the
presence of these gentlemen in the
Legislature will make for a decline in
the strike movement. That reliance
upon this clumsy method of settling
industrial disputes is waning is more
conclusively shown by a perusal of some
figures on the subject published by the
British Board of Trade. A statement
issued recently by the Labour Depart-
ment of the Board shows that the com-
parative freedom from trade disputes
which has been noticed for some years
past continued in 1905. The number
of disputes recorded as commencing last
year was 337 and 92,768 workpeople
were affected. This means that less
than one per cent of the industrial po-
pulation was involved and this per-
centage would be still further reduced
if agricultural labourers and seamen
were included. The amount of time
lost through industrial disputes was only

about one quarter of a working day per
head in the year. From every point of
view the condition of things disclosed
by these figures is gratifying. Strikes,
however they result, mean industrial
waste. The industrial machine is very
delicately adjusted and the shock and
jar of a strike always seriously impair
its efficiency if they do not wreck it past
repair. Few strikes, if any, are justified.

There are always other means whereby
the end sought to be attained can be
achieved. In 99 instances out of 100 if
employer and employees can get together
and frankly exchange views some
middle course can be found which
will render recourse to drastic mea-
sures unnecessary. The pity of it
is that the miserable creatures who
derive their means of livelihood from
keeping alive the fires of suspicion take
every care that a rapprochement is ren-
dered as difficult as possible. As a
consequence a trifling difference, sedu-
lously fanned by the breath of these
despicable parasites on the industrial
body, is exaggerated into something of
seemingly importance and the result is a
disastrous strike. The figures issued
by the Labour Department warrant the
hope that both workmen and employers
are recognising that their interests in-
stead of conflicting are identical. The
intelligent working-man sees upon re-
flection that squeezing wages out of an
employer, regardless of whether they
are on a basis to leave sufficient profit to
recompense him for his outlay of capital,
can have but one ending. On the other
hand the wise employer realises that con-
tentment and harmony among his em-
ployees will more than compensate for
any little increase in direct financial
outlay by which this desirable state of
affairs can be secured. The ideal of an
absolutely fair division of the wealth
created by the co-operation of labour
and capital is beyond realization. Opinions
will never coincide as to what
constitutes fairness. It is the attempt to
arbitrarily determine what division of
profits would be equitable which causes
most of the friction between the owners
of capital and the owners of brain and
brawn who alone can render it repro-
ductive. Happily now the spirit of
compromise seems to be abroad and
recognition is being given on both sides
to the fact that the division of profits,
instead of being arbitrarily fixed, must
be on a sort of sliding scale, altering to
meet altered conditions. When this
elementary economic fact is universally
understood strikes will certainly cease
to afflict the world and the sum of hu-
man happiness will consequently be
immensely increased.

Our Fire Brigade is an institution
which has come in for a good deal of
abuse from the public at different times,
whether justly or not is a moot point
on which opinions differ widely. An
example of the way that the Brigade
contrives to attract contumely, however,
is at present forthcoming and may be
witnessed by any-one who travels along
Queen's Road past the Fire Station, say,
between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock
in the morning. It frequently happens
that the Brigade has a little washing to
do about that time, such as the cleaning
of the floor, and for the purpose a hose
is run out to a hydrant inconveniently
situated on the opposite side of the
street. Thus the traffic is practically
blocked, for there is only room for one
riches to squeeze between the hydrant
and the curb and even then it has to go
into the gutter. Notwithstanding this
the Brigade shows no indecent haste in
its operations, and often has possession
of the road for a very considerable
length of time in the busiest part of the
morning, much to the annoyance of all
who have occasion to pass that way.

The Brigade being a Government in-
stitution no one interferes, but this
seems to be taking an undue advantage
of the fact; to say nothing of being a
very wasteful way of getting the neces-
sary water at the present time when it
is so scarce and many people cannot
obtain sufficient for ordinary domestic
purposes. Surely the coxies could carry
what water is necessary in buckets, or
when so many pipes are being rooted
up in all directions, a main could be
laid on the same side of the street as
the Fire Station, and do away with the
necessity for the Brigade blocking up
the roadway as it does at present.

It is perfectly certain that if a whale
or a shark with extra large accommoda-
tion was caught, and was found to
contain a few bags of bullion, some
diamonds, and a roll or two of notes,
there would be more than one applicant
who would be prepared to prove that it
was their long-lost property. Recently
the *New Zealand Times*, published a
paragraph stating that in a catfish
recently caught there was found, among
other articles, a pocket book containing
seven £1 banknotes. A lady wrote to
the paper under date January 11,
stating that she lost from the s.s.
"Mararos," when in Lyttelton Harbour
on December 24 last, a pocketbook con-
taining the exact number of £1 notes
found in the catfish, and she was
naturally desirous of identifying and re-
covering her lost property. "A remark-
able coincidence, everyone will admit,"
adds the *Times*. "This veracious fab-
story ought to end with the restoration
of the pocketbook and contents (which
included the lady's return ticket by
steamer), and the handing of a sub-
stantial reward to the honest fisherman.
Unfortunately, however, the narrative
stops short of a happy consummation,
for our paragraph was copied from an
English paper of a date prior to
December 24, and had reference to a
catfish caught in English waters. The
incident is of value, as showing the
power of the press to disseminate
information; and if this should meet
the eye of the New Zealand catfish that
may have found the Dunedin lady's
pocketbook and money, the said fish is
requested to communicate with this
journal, when the name and address of
the owner will be disclosed."

The announcement of the marriage of
Lord de Clifford with Miss Eva Car-
rington, an actress, followed a few days
after with the news of the wedding of
Lord Ashburton and Miss Frances
Belmont, a member of Mr Charles
Hawtrey's Co., recalls many interesting
precedents which the peerage has es-
tablished for taking their spouses from
the stage. One of the most conspicuous
is that of the Duke of Cambridge, who
made a love match with an actress of
remarkable beauty, "Mrs. Fitz-George,"
before her marriage, was a Miss Fare-
brother. She appeared at the Lyceum
in 1848, and was considered one of the
most lovely women of her time. In the
course of a long and painful illness
suffered by "Mrs. Fitz-George," Queen
Victoria sent to make frequent inquiries
as to her condition. Her funeral in
1890 was attended by a large number
of distinguished and titled personages.
Another stage peeress was Miss Farren
—not Nellie—but the lady who became
the Countess of Derby in 1797. She
attracted the attention of the Earl of
Derby, who, unfortunately, being
married, could not make her his wife.
"Not a whisper of scandal," says Galt,
"was breathed upon their intimacy."
His Lordship, on the contrary,
discovered that the more he knew of
her the better she deserved his esteem,
and they judiciously placed a restraint
on their mutual passion by never
being seen together except in the
presence of a third party. At length
the Countess of Derby, who had long
lived separate from her lord, died; and
the way being thus cleared for Miss
Farren, she was married to the Earl by
special license at his Lordship's man-
sion in Grosvenor-square. Queen Char-
lotte, the most rigid discriminator of
female worth, received her with marks
of special recognition, and it must be
regarded as a peculiar honour, conferred
for the blamelessness of her professional
life, that she was selected to make one
in the procession at the marriage of
the Princess Royal. Short was the
connection with the stage of Miss
Louise Brunton, the daughter of the
proprietor of the Norwich Theatre, who,
after appearing at Covent Garden
Theatre as Lady Townly and Beatrice,
was snapped up by the Earl of Craven
and married to him in 1807, at seven
in the evening, at Craven House, the
Earl being in his thirty-seventh year
and the bride in her twenty-fifth. The
character of Polly in "The Beggar's
Opera" is again connected with an
aristocratic marriage in the case of Miss
Mary Catherine Bolton, who sustained
the role in a production of the piece by
Harris at Covent Garden, and was mar-
ried to Lord Thurlow. Miss Harriett
Mellison's alliance with the Duke of
Albans was another interesting ro-
mance. Other instances of notable
alliances of peers with actresses are
those of Miss Maria Foote, who became
Countess of Harrington, of Miss
"Kitty" Stephens, afterwards the
Countess of Essex. Of recent years the
marriage of Miss Rose Booth of the
Gaiety Theatre, to the Marquis of
Headfort, was the most interesting.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The embarkation of the troops at
Dahly was completed on the 14th instant.

Grand Secretary Wang Wen-shao has
decided to retire into private life owing to
the death of his son.

The Japanese steamer "Daichi Maru"
was the first steamer to arrive at the
Tientsin Bund this year.

Capt. C. W. Raison, of the "Batten-
hall," reports the death of the second
engineer on the 10th, a day out from Mofei.
The deceased was buried at sea.

It is reported that H.E. Hu Yu-fen is
to be made Governor of Shantung, replac-
ing H.E. Yang Shih-hsiang, who is to be
made Military Governor of Kirin.

There were Russian, French, Japanese
and American blujackets ashore to-day.
The Russians came on the "Gera" and
"Stuttgart" which arrived from Vladivostok.

The *Hankow Daily News* was born on
Mar 15 at Hankow, and apologized for not
being bigger than it was. It came out with
four pages and promises four more later on.
As soon as the staff "get going" it should
be a newsy sheet. We wish it prosperity.

Thomas James Handley, who was
charged with others with stealing valuables
from Mrs. Gordets at the Astor House
Hotel, Shanghai, in January last, was
sentenced to nine months' imprisonment
for larceny and nine months for conspiracy;
the sentences to run concurrently. Prisoner
asked to be transferred to Hongkong.

Wireless Telegraphy in Shantung.
Germany has secured the right to
install wireless telegraphy along the Shat-
tung Railway.

Tramway Trouble at Tokyo.
There was a demonstration on March
16 at Tokyo against the increase in tram-
way fares in connection with which
eighteen arrests have been made.

A "Hock" Sailor Drowned.
William Christie Hopper, an able
seaman, was missed from the "Hock" a
few days ago, and the body was picked up
by a fisherman at Centre Island, Taipei.

The Japanese Railways.
Tokyo, March 16. The House of
Representatives has passed the Bill for
the nationalisation of the Japanese railways
by 243 votes to 109, and the Seoul-Fusan
railway unanimously.

The Departure of Prince Arthur.
Prince Arthur received the most
cordial send off at Tokio and Yokohama on
March 16. There was aiffin to British
residents on board the R.M.S. "Empress
of Japan," by which the Prince and suite
left for Vancouver.

More Enquiries about Viceroy Tsien.
A native contemporary states that
their Majesties not long ago asked the
advice of the Grand Council as to the desir-
ability of transferring Viceroy Tsen Ch'ao-
hsien of the Two Kwang provinces,
Szechuan, sending Viceroy Chang Chih-
tung of the Hukang provinces to Canton
and placing Viceroy Hsi Liang of Sze-
chuan provinces at Weichang in Chang Chih-
tung's place. Fortunately for the officials
of Szechuan, the Grand Councilors told
their Majesties that they could not con-
scientiously recommend such a step.

Volunteers in the East.
A recent War Office return shows
that the following local forces are in ex-
istence in the Far East:—Hongkong, 484
volunteers and police; Straits Settlements,
3,495; Malay States Guides, volunteers,
and police; and British North Borneo, 634
constabulary. The volunteers proper
are:—Singapore volunteer artillery, Singa-
pore volunteer marine section, Singapore
volunteer infantry, Singapore Royal
engineers (volunteers); Malacca Company
S.V. corps; Singapore volunteer bearer
Company; Penang volunteers; Hongkong
volunteers, which includes two com-
panies of artillery, an engineer company,
and the Hongkong volunteer troop.
Where are the Hongkong Volunteer
Reservists?

Contraband Rifles at Peking.
Peking dispatches report the arrest of
an Oriental in European clothes at Peking
railway station, where he was found in
charge of a contraband consignment of 500
magazine rifles and 50,000 cartridges. It
was thought at first that the man was a
Chinese, but he stated that he was the
agent of a Japanese firm in Shanghai.
Enquiries in that direction were fruitless,
but it subsequently appeared that the man
was a Japanese, and he was turned over to
his Consul at Tientsin. His statement,
under trial, was that the rifles and cartridges
had been rejected by the ordinance official of
the Peking administration, and that he had
taken them to Peking to endeavour to find
a purchaser for them. The man was
released.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LABOUR ON THE RAMP.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR CHINESE.

Indians Suggested.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

London, March 22.

It is understood that the Government will welcome applications for the importation of natives of India to the Transvaal, on the lines of the Guiana system.

Such application is calculated to ease the situation, which the Government regards with anxiety.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

CHINESE ON THE RAMP.

The Censure of Lord Milner.

London, March 21.

There are growing indications in South Africa, also among the Unionists and a section of the Ministerials that in connection with the motion of censure on Lord Milner announced yesterday evening, the Government should submit an amendment, to the effect that the House, while condemning the flogging of Chinese, desires, in the interest of peace and conciliation of South Africa, to refrain from personal censure of individuals.

Motion for Inquiry Lost.

London, March 21.

In the debate on the Appropriation Bill, Mr Chamberlain moved that a Royal Commission should investigate the Transvaal Labour question. Mr Winston Churchill said that the commission was unnecessary and futile, inasmuch as whatever the decision, one side would remain unconvinced. The motion for a commission was rejected by 378 to 110.

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

Statement From Russia.

London, March 21.

The Temps states that Count Lamsdorff has telegraphed to the Russian delegate at Algiers, denying German press reports that Russia is sympathizing with Germany in her proposals, and declaring that Russia is always France's faithful ally.

The Pretender's Loyalty.

London, March 21.

The Moorish pretender has sent letters to the delegates at Algiers declaring that he is true to the Sultan.

Viceroy Yuan is raising the funds to build his normal college for 1,000 students at Peking.

Plans are being prepared by sixty military engineers and students of the country which will be the scene of the next autumn maneuvers.

The master of the Kwong-Tung Chun shop and several employees were charged at the magistracy to-day with setting fire to his shop with the object of defrauding the London and Lancashire and Royal Exchange Insurance Companies of \$10,000. Some evidence was heard and the case was adjourned.

The Changpu Riot.

Two of the ringleaders in the Changpu riot have been captured and executed; the value of the English mission property destroyed has been estimated at \$10,000.

College for Railway Men.

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has obtained from the Throne permission to establish at Wu-chang a college for the training of railway engineers, the funds to be provided by the provinces of Kiangtung, and Hunan.

Likin at Swatow.

Sir Ernest Satow has requested the Waiwupu to instruct Viceroy Tsin to abolish the likin office which at Swatow, has been levying dues on foreign imports which has already paid Customs duty; the Waiwupu has telegraphed to the Viceroy for a reply.

The Mercantile Bank Dividend.

The Acting Manager of the Mercantile Bank of India to-day received a telegram from the Head Office that the net profits of the Bank for the past year, to 31st Dec. 1905, including the amount brought forward, are \$74,582, and that at the forthcoming general meeting of shareholders the Directors will recommend a dividend of 5 per cent. on the "A" shares, and 5 per cent. on the "B" shares, free of Income Tax; that \$225,000 be placed at Reserve, and \$200,000 to Officers' Pension Fund, leaving \$10,400 to be carried forward.

WHOOPING COUGH.

The quick relief afforded by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in cases of whooping cough, makes it a favorite with mothers of small children. This remedy quiets the rough muscles, making it easier to expectorate, keeps the cough loose and prevents any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE FAMINE IN JAPAN.

STARVING POPULACE RIOTING.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 23.

Troubles are reported from different parts of the famine district in the North Eastern portion of Japan.

The starving people commenced rioting but the police succeeded in restoring order.

NANCHANG MASSACRE.

Governor to be Punished.

A recent despatch from Peking to the Hochi Shinbun (Tokyo) states that the French Minister has presented certain demands in connection with the recent massacre at Nanchang. These are three in number and areas follow: (1) That the Governor be heavily punished; (2) That all the higher officials at Nanchang be degraded; (3) That the people of the district should compensate the missionaries for all damage.

THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Viceroy Shun and Canton Merchants.

The following is the translation of an important official document delivered to the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at 10 a.m. yesterday:—

From Shun, Junior Guardian of the Hoir Apparent, 1st Rank of the Button, Minister of the Board of War, Acting Viceroy of Liang Kwang, etc., etc.

The Kaohsi in charge of the Canton office of the Canton-Hankow railway reports that the section of the railway from Wenghsa to Ko Tong, measuring twelve English miles, which had been half finished by the China Development Company has so long remained incomplete that the materials which were lying about are all destroyed or lost. This section requires an outlay of about \$60,000 to put it in order.

It is now proposed to get this money from Government Funds in order to have the section in question completed so that by the time the Chinese merchants have collected all the capital the money may be refunded.

On the 13th day of the 3rd moon the first payment of interest on the loan from Great Britain will become due, and after applying portion of the profit derived from the Canton-Fatshan section it leaves \$4178 11s 6d due by the Kwangtung province. This amount has to be raised without delay. Now that the merchants have collected \$16,000,000 judging from the colony with which the people at home and abroad have come forward the whole amount of \$20,000,000 should be subscribed without difficulty.

The Viceroy highly appreciates the way in which the merchants have conducted the business and says the line should be controlled by them, but the enormous quantities of materials and documents handed over by the China Development Company and in connection with the branch line from Canton to Fatsan involve heavy responsibility. In addition they are the joint property of the Yu, Sung and Ngok provinces.

The document then asks the merchants to appoint a man of respectable standing to take over control of the affairs, in order that he might memorialize the Throne on their behalf.

A TERRIBLE VOYAGE.

Plague Ship at Weesung.

The American sailing vessel "Iry," Captain Stetson, which had not been heard of for some time, and for whose safety fears were entertained, arrived off Gutzlaff, from Singapore on Saturday last (March 17) and in answer to a message sent to Shanghai, the tender "Alexandra" was sent down to meet her and picked her up close to the Bell-Buoy, and she was towed to the Quarantine Station at Weesung.

The "Iry" left Shanghai for Singapore on the 21st of October last and arrived at Singapore on the 17th of November. She loaded lumber there for Shanghai and only arrived there on Saturday. During the voyage from the Straits the Chinese crew, were attacked by ber-beri, and such havoc did this disease work, that before the completion of the voyage only two of the crew were left able to perform their duties, death having carried off the majority and the remainder being quite unfit to do their duty. When the vessel was not by the "Alexandra" only Captain Stetson and two of the crew were navigating the ship.

These two of the crew, who were at the wheel, were seated in chairs, they being too weak to stand, and for the purpose of working the ship up to Weesung, Captain Olin transferred a number of the "Alexandra's" crew to the "Iry," to assist in making fast the towing-hawser and to work the vessel up to Weesung. Dr. Dox made an examination of those who were left of the ill-fated crew. The vessel will remain in quarantine for some time, and will be thoroughly disinfected before coming up to Shanghai to discharge Shanghai Mercury.

ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHANGE.

Mr Showan Goes on Leave.

A few days ago it was our pleasure to announce that the Hon. Mr Gershom Stewart was about to depart upon well-earned leave, and now it is equally our pleasure to hear that the Hon. Mr Robert Showan contemplates following in the footsteps of his colleague.

The fact that the two strongest members in the Council that the public have had to represent them for some years are departing at about the same time creates a situation that would not be pleasant to contemplate were it not that Mr Pollock is in the Chamber, and the gentlemen who will succeed the departing members will have every incentive to watch public interests closely.

Like Mr Stewart, Mr Showan is a strong speaker, and withal a man with the courage of his convictions. Some of the most deliberate and outspoken utterances that have been heard in the Chamber have come from Mr Showan, and his absence in time of need will be felt if a successor lacking qualifications of debate is elected.

Mr Pollock's presence in the Council greatly strengthens the debating force amongst the unofficials, and had he, Mr Stewart and Mr Showan been called upon to direct their argumentative guns against the Government on any question the latter would have been hard put to it to respond.

However, the occasion always finds the man, and no doubt if necessity arises the successors of both Mr Stewart and Mr Showan will be found to be capable of holding their own.

At present we know the successor of Mr Stewart—Mr Edward Osborne—but who will succeed Mr Showan will be problematical until the members of the Chamber of Commerce have recorded their views. Mr Stewart being a nominee of the Governor, no election was, of course, needed in the case of Mr Osborne, but as Mr Showan was elected by the Chamber of Commerce his successor will have to be elected by the members of that body.

So far we have not heard definitely who will be running for the vacancy, though two or three names are mentioned.

WARNING TO EUROPEANS.

Beware of Bogus Collectors.

The police ask us to give further publicity to the case that came before the Court at the Magistracy yesterday, in which a Chinaman named Leung Tak Ting was charged with having obtained the sums of \$5 and \$3 on different dates in February from Mr H. W. Slade, by means of false pretences.

As we stated yesterday he was sentenced to be imprisoned for two months. It appears that the man had been perpetrating his fraud on the European community of the Colony for some considerable time past and had obtained, to the knowledge of the police, nearly \$800. During last year he collected \$800 odd and on one occasion went to Head Quarters House where he received a donation of \$5. Later on he altered the \$5 into \$25 and used that entry in trying to get a similar subscription on the second occasion. This was reported to the police and led eventually to his arrest.

Several people were asked to be on the lookout for him and when he went to the Dockyard collecting he was handed over to the Police. An examination of the house at No 44 Battery Street showed that there was nothing at all to justify the statement that it was a hospital in any sense of the word and that the defendant had been using the money that he collected for his own support. Europeans should be on guard against such collectors and give to none of them, as if they are generously disposed there are many ways in which they can be sure that their money will reach the proper quarters. These men do not patronize Chinese to any extent as their countrymen are not so easily deceived by tricks of this description.

BID MORTAR AGAIN.

Contractors in Trouble.

Two more Chinese contractors were charged before Mr F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistracy, this morning, with using bad mortar. In the first case—that against Loong Cheong contractor for a house in Loong Cheong contractor for a house in Road—Building Inspector J. Huthings prosecuted. He stated that in February he took samples of the mortar being used by defendant's men. Briquettes were made and tested after 14 days. One broke while being put into the machine and the others averaged a strain of half a pound each. Notice was served to pull down the work they had done, and they did so. The defendant protested as he said that the proper quantities had been used and witness believed this to be probably true, as he had a Portuguese foreman to do nothing but see that the proper proportions of lime were used. The trouble was, in his opinion, defective quality of the material used and improper mixing. Three other briquettes were tested at 23 days and broke at respectively 2, 4 and 1 lb. Government standard mortar broke at strains ranging from 40 to 180 lbs. He would suggest that defendant should take more care in the mixing of mortar.

A fine of \$250 was imposed. In the second case in which Kin Tuck was charged with using bad mortar in the construction of a house at Shaikwan a plea of guilty was entered. Inspector T. Edwards stated that samples were taken, as in the former case. Three briquettes tested after 14 days broke at an average strain of one lb. Three tested after 23 days broke at 10, 4 and 4 lb. respectively. His Worship: This is better than the last, but I don't propose to make any difference. Fined \$250.

We understand that a few days ago a mass meeting of Chinese contractors was held to consider the mortar question. A long discussion took place, but with what result has not yet been disclosed.

OUR NAVAL VISITORS.

THE CITIZENS' WELCOME.

Additional Arrangements.

The official welcome given to our Naval visitors has, without doubt, been a most hearty one, but apparently the general public seemed at a loss to know what steps they should take to extend to the representatives of France and Japan that greeting which they felt was due.

The extensive arrangements which were made at Saigon to welcome the British men-of-war on their recent visit to the southern port—the cordially expressed in France last month to the representatives of the British Municipal Council—and the enthusiasm which pervaded Japan during the visit of Prince Arthur, all showed the genuineness of the friendliness of the French and Japanese towards Great Britain. It is indeed fitting, therefore, that we should do our very best to express the feeling which we entertain towards the friendly Powers whose representatives are now within our gates.

Officialdom has done its duty, and it now remains for the general public to display with frankness that it reciprocates the feelings of France and Japan. And we understand that a movement is on foot to attain that object.

A meeting was held yesterday in the office of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., by whom it was convened, the object of which was to consider what steps would be taken by the public to entertain the French and Japanese Fleets. The proceedings were enthusiastic and after a short discussion the following provisional committee was appointed:—Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr C. W. Dickson, Hon. Mr R. Showan, Hon. Mr Gershom Stewart, Messrs J. R. M. Smith, D. R. Law, A. Balfinton, A. G. Wood, A. H. Ronnie, T. P. Cochrane, D. Nisim, A. S. Levy, G. H. Medhurst, H. N. Mody, E. A. Howett and T. F. Hough. Sir Paul Chater was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee; Mr J. R. M. Smith, Hon. Treasurer; and Hon. Mr Gershom Stewart, Hon. Secretary.

It was decided to carry out if possible, the following programme:— Monday, March 28: Dinner in the City Hall at 1 o'clock to 400 petty officers and bluejackets, half being Japanese and half British. After dinner, if it is found feasible, those of the company desiring to witness the sports of the 15th Baluchi Regiment at Kowloon will be given an opportunity of so doing, but this latter proposal is still doubtful.

In the evening the members of the Hongkong Club will entertain the officers of the Japanese Fleet at Dinner.

Saturday, March 3: A mid-day dinner will be given to an equal number of French and British petty officers and bluejackets at the Race Club's premises, Happy Valley, after which the gymkhana will take place. The expenses in connection with the public entertainments will be defrayed by public subscription and any member of the British community who desires to contribute, towards the fund may send a donation to the Hon. Treasurer, which will be gladly received.

Last night a large number of French and Japanese bluejackets were to be seen about the streets and all seemed to be enjoying themselves. Unofficially members of the public were playing the part of hosts to our visitors, and doing it royally, too.

His Excellency the Governor was "At Home" this afternoon and a large number of Naval Officers of the French, Japanese and British Fleets, as well as many of the civil community, were present.

To-night the Japanese Admiral will dine with His Excellency Major General Villiers Estlin, and the Japanese Officers will dine on board the "King Alfred."

A dinner will also be given this evening in the City Hall to 250 petty officers and men of the French Navy and 150 petty officers and men from the British men-of-war, which will be followed by a smoking concert.

PAPER MAKING AT SEA.

An Interesting Lecture.

Passengers by the P. and O. s.s. "Arcadia" from Singapore to Hongkong had an opportunity of hearing an excellent lecture on paper making, and actually saw two sheets of paper made. The lecturer was Mr R. W. Sindall, F. C. S. of London, Consulting Chemist to the Paper Trade, who is on his way to Shanghai for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of the erection of mills for the manufacture of paper from rice-straw. The lecture took place on March 20, and after briefly reviewing the history of paper making, the lecturer explained the entire modern process. After doing so he made two sheets of white paper before the audience. The apparatus used consisted of a large bowl, containing the pulp in solution, two wooden frames six inches square (one of which was covered with a very fine gauze), and a little copying press borrowed from the printer's office. A small quantity of pulp was rolled out on to the gauze and after the water had been drained through the resulting sheet of paper was removed and placed upon a blotting pad, and a second sheet was produced in similar manner. The two sheets were squeezed in the press and afterwards dried in the engine room by being placed on an inspection of the lecturer entertained his hearers with interesting details concerning the making of paper from rags and wood, etc. The lecture was concluded by an inspection of the two sheets of paper, samples of fibre used in the making of various papers and pulp.

The Rev. G. A. Bunbury, C.M.S., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Sindall, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr Sindall has been commissioned by the Government of India to visit Burma for the purpose of reporting upon the possibilities of using bamboo and wood for paper-making.

THE CUNNING THIEF.

How He Robs River Travellers.

As showing the methods employed by Chinese thieves a case that came before Mr F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistracy this morning, is interesting. The defendant was charged with having stolen a bundle of clothes from a passenger on board the Canton River steamer "Fat Shan." The evidence showed that he travelled to Hongkong by the boat, and while on the way annexed a passenger's bundle from a man who was sleeping with it under his head, substituting in its place a second bundle which contained a quantity of old rags. The first bundle was valued at about \$50 and when the man discovered his loss he at once went to the police station and reported it but meanwhile a Chinese detective on duty at the wharf had arrested a man whose movements he considered suspicious and brought him up to the police station. The man who was making the report recognised the things as his.

The thief was arrested on board the River steamer "Ho Nao" and was about to return to Canton by her with his spoils. He was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with six hours in the stocks; His Worship recommending that he should be exposed in the stocks on the Canton steamer's wharf.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr and Mrs R. E. Bellon are passengers on the P. and O. "Himalaya," for Hongkong.

It is stated that Miss Hillier is to be married to Dr Irwin from the residence of Mr J. M. Dickinson at Tientsin on the 27th inst.

Mr and Mrs G. O. Master and the Misses Master (2) have taken passages on board the P. and O. "China," which leaves Hongkong on March 30.

It is reported that Mr Wright, the new U.S. Ambassador in Tokyo, is leaving San Francisco by the "Minnesota" on the 29th inst. for Japan.

Sir E. and Lady Cameron have booked passages to Hongkong by the P. and O. s.s. "Doranda," which leaves on March 1. Sir P. Fison, Bart, is a passenger by the same steamer.

According to a Shanghai paper Mr E. J. H. Tripp, who was for many years connected with the P. and O. office in Hongkong, and who is now in Shanghai, has celebrated his 74th birthday.

We understand that Mr G. H. Potts and Miss Dolly Wallace, of Shanghai, have become engaged. Miss Wallace is the youngest daughter of Capt. F. H. Wallace, of the China Merchants' steamer "Hac-an."

Colonel A. W. P. Inman, R.A.M.C. (says a Home paper) has been transferred from the Indian to the Colonial establishment, and appointed P.M.O. at Hongkong. Colonel Inman joined the old medical department of the army in 1880, became major in the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1892, and reached his present rank in 1902.

Leave of absence on private affairs to the neighbouring countries has been granted to Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Fitton, D.S.O., 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment from 29th March to 21st April 1906; Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Jeal, Royal Army Medical Corps, from 11th April to 25th July 1906; Captain J. D'Oyley, 119th Infantry, from 29th March to 27th May, 1906.

A popular wedding took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, on March 18, says a Shanghai contemporary. The contracting parties were Mr W. E. Stan- cricket, a Lancastrian, and a Volunteer, and Miss Phoebe Lamond. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Walker, M.A. Mr J. Christie acted as best man, whilst the bride's younger sister undertook the duties of bridesmaid. A large number of friends were present at the ceremony and afterwards at the reception given by the bride's mother at 93, Broadway.

Mr Sidney Montrie, who has lately returned from London to his birthplace (Shanghai), has greatly distinguished himself as the author of a tragedy, "Judas," which was accepted by Mr Beerholm Tree for presentation at His Majesty's, but which was most absurdly refused permission by that unaccountable anachronism, the Licensor of Plays. Mr Montrie has printed it at Shanghai, and it will be on sale at 1s. The N. O. Daily News regrets to learn that Mr Montrie is shortly leaving Shanghai, having accepted an appointment in the branch office of the New York Life Insurance Co. at Hongkong.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 23rd at 10.15p. The barometer has fallen rapidly over E. coast of China, owing to the approach of a new depression from the Westward.

Probably pressure is highest over S. Japan.

Gradients are slight over S. China, and light SE. and S. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea, with fog along the coast.

Forecast:—Light or moderate E. to S. winds; foggy, some rain.

LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

London, February 10.

When M. Fallieres takes his place as President of the French Republic, his first Royal visitor will be the King of Cambodia. The next will be King Charles of Roumania with Queen Elizabeth (Carmen Sylva). Then I believe will come Mr and Mrs Longworth, the "Crown Princess" of the United States. Miss Roosevelt's wedding is fixed for to-morrow.

The yellow press have tried to work up something like a sensation of resentment over an exaggerated report that a Japanese Cabinet minister had advised England to set her army in order. Of course nothing of the sort really occurred, and if it had there would have been nothing to resent. In the revised treaty of alliance it is of the essence of the contract that both countries shall communicate to each other freely on subjects relating to their common defence. No one in England is satisfied that we are making the best use of the splendid material we have available for land fighting and we should welcome willingly suggestions from all quarters. We are ready to learn from possible enemies, and still more from a reliable and efficient ally.

St Valentine's Day was marked by the reconciliation of Mr Balfour and Mr Chamberlain. A perusal of the letters that passed between the leader of the party and the distinguished free lance leaves it still doubtful whether B. has surrendered to C., or C. has surrendered to B., or whether indeed, as Mr Horridge (who defeated Mr Balfour at the General Election) suggests, the two serpents have swallowed each other. The basis of the compromise is that Mr Balfour emphasises Fiscal Reform as the first item in the constructive policy of the Opposition; but the party is not to be committed at present to details of method. It is at least significant that Mr Chamberlain still uses the phrase "Tariff Reform," while Mr Balfour prefers the adjective "Fiscal."

On the verge of his seventieth year, Sir Francis Burnand has resigned the editorship of Punch, the fortunes of which he has directed for twenty-five years. For a whole generation he has made abundant contributions to the gaiety of nations, with his Happy Thoughts, burlesque stories and more than a hundred plays. His works will remain of interest to the literary student as illustrating the Victorian ideas of humour, delighting in embarrassing situations and audacious puns. For instance, in *Onderdille*, still running at Drury Lane, a lady fished out of the water at a river picnic announces that she has come to the bank wet. Perhaps the most memorable work connected with his name is the foundation of the A. D. C. at Cambridge University, an institution which still flourishes and has become a permanency.

The election fever is not yet over, for one member is resigning, two have been elected for two seats each, and two have died since the polling—one before the declaration of the result and the other (the Rt. Hon. A. Joffrey, Deputy Chairman in the last House), since Parliament met. However these bye-elections are unlikely to make any change in the balance of parties—Ministerials 379, Labour 51, and Nationalists 63, against 157 Unionists. The King's Speech next Tuesday, we are told, is to contain no surprises but it is inconceivable that an overwhelming radical majority can be in power long without surprising most of us.

Probably we shall hear no more of the Chinese Slavery Bill. The supporters of the Government are disowning them, but show almost as much shifty evasiveness in passing on to the Transvaal the responsibility for the continuance of suppression of the recruiting of Asiatic Labour. Now we learn that a Commission is to proceed to the Transvaal to assist H. M.'s Government to make up what they are pleased to call their mind on the subject. The responsibilities of office are fortunately likely to have a standing effect. Their difficulties in South Africa are increased by the apparent imminence of a black rising in Natal.

At Portsmouth on Saturday last (Feb. 10) the King launched the "Dreadnought," the largest, most powerful and best protected and fastest battleship yet afloat. Details are kept secret but we know that she is to be of a speed of 21 knots, with 18,000 tons displacement, and to carry 12-12 in. guns. In twelve months from now she will be ready for commission and will join the Atlantic fleet.

TRAVELLING COMMISSIONER

IN TROUBLE.

A Northern correspondent to the N. O. Daily News states that Duke Tsi Teth, head of the Travelling Mission, has lately strongly denounced to the Throne, "certain unbecoming actions" of H.E. Shang Ch'i-feng, one of his Highness's colleagues, while in Japan, and asked for his recall for "conduct," as the memorial terms it, "unbecoming the dignity of a great Empire like China."

What the conduct complained of was, the correspondent unfortunately does not say, at any rate, when the matter was brought before the Grand Council a majority of the members suggested their Majesty should recall the accused Commissioner. Prince Ching, however, strongly opposed the advice, as it would bring ridicule on the whole Mission, if the cause was known abroad, with the result that the matter was laid on the table sine die.

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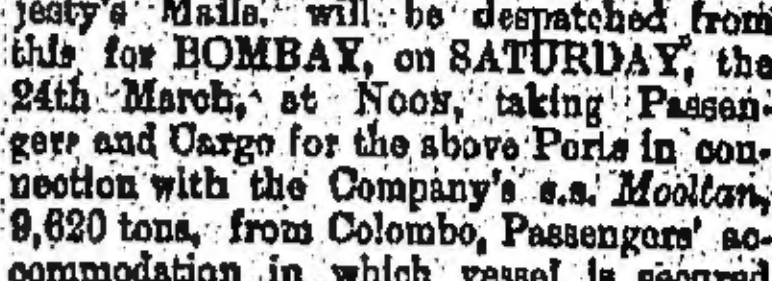
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